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### Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-14,17,20-22,25,27-36 and 39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-14,17,20-22,25,27-36 and 39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/13/2008
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

- A. This action is in response to the following communications: Request for Continued Examination filed 3/13/2008.
- B. Claims 1, 2, 5-14, 17, 20-22, 25, 27-36 and 39 remains pending.
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**Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- C. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/13/2008 has been entered.
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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-2, 5-14, 17, 20-22, 25, 27-36 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bryan et al. (US 7,133,869), herein referred to as "Bryan".

As to claims 1 and 13, Bryan teaches a method of generating notifications in a notifications system and corresponding computer readable media (col.6,lines 1-8; col. 3, lines 7-10), said notifications system being configured to provide notifications to subscribers (col. 2, lines 31-37) via a data communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208, 210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said notifications containing content provided by one or more content providers (col. 2, lines 46-47; fig. 12; col. 10, line 67; col. 11, lines 1-14), said method comprising: receiving a parameter-driven template ( fig. 1, labels 116; col.3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-55) from a content provider, said template relating to a category specified by the content provider,(fig. 1, label 138; col. 5, lines 55-58), said template containing one or more parameters specified by the content provider, said parameters defining a plurality of events specified by the content provider and relating to the specified category, each of said events comprising a recurring event specified by the content provider (col.8, lines 7-43; col.9, lines 26-53; col.11, line 5). (fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-55; col. 10, lines 39-43), said parameters relating a subscription for notifications and specifying a predefined scheduled time for the notifications to occur (col. 5, lines 59-67; col.10, lines 14-34); enabling a notifications application based on the received template (fig. 1, label 102; col. 5, lines 2-9), said notifications application mapping a recurring event (fig. 3-6; col. 9, lines 37-41, that the ticket problem is recurring event) to one or more subscribers as a function of the parameters specified by the content provider (col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9) and executing the notifications application on a recurring

basis to generate a notification in accordance with the predefined scheduled time specified by the received parameter-driven template parameters, wherein the notification is generated based on matching the latest recurring event of the specified category with subscribers of the specified category, and wherein the generated notification is delivered to the subscribers of the specified category on a recurring basis in accordance with the predefined scheduled time defined by the received parameter-driven template parameters (figure 9, col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; col.10, lines 14-34).

As claim 2, Bryan further teaches providing the template to the content provider for completion by the content provider (fig. 6, labels 610-616, "Submit" button; col. 9, lines 26-29, that by updating the knowledge switch I00 by submitting the template, you are enabling the content provider to complete the cycle by delivering the notifications).

As claim 5, Bryan further teaches one of the parameters specified by the content provider relates to delivery of the notifications at a predetermined time of day (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that the schedule template provides parameters specifying when (time) the notification will be delivered).

As claim 6, Bryan further teaches the method of claim 5, further comprising matching a most recent instance of the recurring event to the subscription to generate the notifications (fig.3-6; col. 9, lines 37-41, that the ticket problem is recurring event; col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9) for delivery at the predetermined time of day (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that the schedule template provides parameters specifying when (time) the notification will be delivered).

As claim 7, Bryan further teaches one of the parameters specified by the content provider relates to delivery of the notifications upon occurrence of the recurring event (col. 9, lines 37-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which triggers the "be alert" message).

As claim 8, Bryan further teaches matching the recurring event to the subscription to generate the notifications for broadcast delivery upon occurrence of the recurring event (col. 9, lines 33-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which triggers the broadcast of the "be alert" message).

As claim 9, Bryan further teaches providing a user interface for the subscribers to manage the subscription (fig. 1, label 114; col. 5, lines 36-42).

As claim 10, Bryan further teaches the method of claim I, wherein the notifications relate to one or more of following topics: horoscope, lottery, and news (fig. 1, label 116, col. 5, 42-48, that the news template allows the user to select news notifications).

As claim 11, Bryan further teaches defining the template based on common features of a plurality of notifications applications (fig. 1, labels 116-138; col. 5, lines 47-55; col. 10, lines 39-43; col. 7, lines 44-47, that as shown in figure 1, the templates contain functional logic).

As claim 12, Bryan further teaches enabling the notifications application based on the received template includes creating an application definition file that describes the notifications application (fig. label 100; col. 4, lines 62-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208, 210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22).

As claim 14, Bryan teach a data structure defining an application for use in a notifications system (fig. 11, label 1104; col. 10, lines 53-60; fig. 12, label 1200; col. 10, line 67; col. 11, lines 1-9), said notifications System being configured to execute the defined application for providing notifications to subscribers (col. 2, lines 31-37) via a data communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208, 210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said notifications containing content provided by one or more content

providers (col. 2, lines 46-47; fig. 12; col. 10, line 67; col. 11, lines 1-14), said data structure comprising: a user interface template configured to contain information for defining a user interface corresponding to the application for managing the subscription of the user, said interface allowing the user to select a category, wherein a subscription is generated for the user from the user interface template, said subscription indicating that the user wants to receive notifications related to the selected category (col.10, lines 14-34; figure 9); a scenario template configured to contain information for defining the application ( fig. 1, labels 116; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-55), said scenario template having one or more parameters specified by the content provider (fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-55; col. 10, lines 39-43) and relating to a subscription for notifications (col. 5, lines 59-67), wherein the scenario template includes a category component defining a plurality of events specified by the content provider and relating to a category specified by the content provider, for which the notifications are to be generated, each of said events relating to a recurring event specified by the content provider (col.8, lines 7-43; col.9, lines 26-53; col.11, line 5); a notification generation component responsive to an event feed for mapping a recurring event (fig. 3-6; col. 9, lines 37-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which triggers the "be alert" message) to one or more subscribers as a function of the parameters specified by the content provider and as a function of the subscription of the subscriber, said notification generation component generating a notification for recurring event (col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9); and a delivery component for routing the notification to the subscribers of the specified category relate



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to the event (col. 4, lines 65-67; col.5, lines 1-9; (fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-58) (note the analysis of claim 1 above).

As claim 17, Bryan further teaches one of the parameters specified by the content provider relates to delivery of the notifications at a predetermined time of day (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that the schedule template provides parameters specifying when (time) the notification will be delivered).

As claim 20, Bryan further teaches the notifications relate to one or more of following topics: horoscope, lottery, and news (fig. 1, label 116; col. 5, 42-48, that the news template allows the user to select news notifications).

As claim 21, Bryan further teaches the scenario template is based on common features of a plurality of notifications applications (fig. 1, labels 116-138; col. 5, lines 47-55; col. 10, lines 39-43; col. 7, lines 44-47, that as shown in figure 1, the templates contain functional logic).

As claim 22, Bryan teaches a system configured for generating and delivering notifications to subscribers (col. 2, lines 31-37; col. 3, lines 7-10), via a data communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202,204, 208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said notifications containing content provided by one or more content providers (fig. 1, labels 116, 138; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-58), said system comprising: a computing device (fig. 2; col. 12, lines 56-58) coupled to a data communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202,204, 208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22) and configured to receive; a subscription from a subscriber specifying a category for which the subscriber wants to receive notification of the events relating to the specified category (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that to establish a time when the notifications will be delivered, based on the template parameter); a parameter-driven template from a content provider via the data communication network (fig. 1, label 138, fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202,204, 208,210, 212; col. 5, lines 55-58; col. 6, lines 4-22), said template containing information provided by the content provider and relating to a subscription for notifications (fig. 1, labels 116; 138; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-58), said template relating to a category specified by the content provider, said template containing one or more parameters specified by the content provider, said parameters defining a plurality of events specified by the content provider and relating to the category, each of said event relating to a recurring event specified by the content provider, said parameters relating to a subscription for notifications and specifying a predefined scheduled time for notifications to occur (col.8, lines 7-43; col.9, lines 26-53; col.11, line 5); to enable a notifications application based on the template, said

notifications application mapping a recurring event (fig. 3-6; col. 9, lines 37-41, that the ticket problem is recurring event) to one or more subscribers (col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9) as a function of one or more parameters specified by the content provider on a recurring basis in accordance with the predefined scheduled time defined by the parameter-driven template parameters (col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9) wherein the generated notification is delivered to the subscribers of the specified categories on a recurring basis in accordance with the predefined scheduled time specified by the received parameter-driven template parameters (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that to establish a time when the notifications will be delivered, based on the template parameter; col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-58; col. 9, lines 37-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which triggers the "be alert" message.

As claim 25, Bryan further teaches one of the parameters specified by the content provider relates to delivery of the notifications at a predetermined time of day (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that the schedule template provides parameters specifying when (time) the notification will be delivered).

As claim 27, Bryan further teaches the computing device is further configured to receive another parameter-driven template (fig. 1, labels 116; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-55) from the content provider (fig. 1, label 138; col. 5, lines 55-58) via the data

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communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said other template containing information provided by the content provider ( fig. 1, labels 116; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-55) and defining a user interface corresponding to the application for managing the subscription (fig. 1, label 114; col. 5, lines 36-42).

As claim 28, Bryan further teaches the notifications relate to one or more of following topics: horoscope, lottery, and news (fig. 1, label 116, col. 5, 42-48, that the news template allows the user to select news notifications).

As claim 29, Bryan further teaches the template is based on common features of a plurality of notifications applications (fig. 1, labels 116-138; col. 5, lines 47-55; col. 10, lines 39-43; col. 7, lines 44-47, that as shown in figure 1, the templates contain functional logic).

As claim 30, Bryan further teaches the computer-readable medium further stores computer-executable instructions to be executed on the computing device to create an application definition file that describes the notifications application (fig. label 100; col. 4, lines 62-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202,204, 208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22).

As claim 31, Bryan further teaches comprising a subscription store configured to store notification offerings described by the application definition file (fig. label 100; col. 4, lines 62-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202,204, 208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22).

As claim 32, Bryan further teaches The system of claim 31, wherein the computer-readable medium further stores computer-executable instructions to be executed on the computing device to validate incoming subscription management requests and commit the requests to the subscription store (col.6, lines 1-22).

As claim 33, Bryan further teaches the computer-readable medium further stores computer-executable instructions to be executed on the computing device to generate the notification based on matching external events with corresponding subscriptions (col. 9, lines 33-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which triggers the broadcast of the "be alert" message).

As claim 34, the rejection is as same as the rejection of claim 13 above.

As claim 35, Bryan further the template is predefined and re-usable (fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-55; col. 10, lines 39-43).

As claim 36, Bryan teaches a notification system for generating and delivering notifications to subscribers (col. 2, lines 31-37; col. 3, lines 7-10), said notifications containing content provided by one or more content providers (fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-55, 59-67; col. 10, lines 39-43), said system comprising: a computing device (col. 12, lines 56-58) coupled to a data communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208, 210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said computing device (col. 12, lines 56-58) being configured to receive a parameter-driven template ( fig. 1, labels 116; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-55) from a content provider (fig. 1, label 138; col. 5, lines 55-58) via the data communication network (fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208, 210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said template containing information provided by the content provider and relating to a subscription for notifications ( fig. 1, labels 116; 138; col. 3, lines 7-10; col. 5, lines 42-58) said template relating to a category specified by the content provider, said template containing one or more parameters specified by the content provider, said parameters defining a plurality of events specified by the content provider and relating to the category, each of said event relating to a recurring event specified by the content provider said parameters relating to a subscription for notifications and defining a predefined scheduled time for the notifications to occur (col. 9, lines 37-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which

triggers the "be alert" message; col.8, lines 7-43; col.9, lines 26-53; col.11, line 5); a subscription store (fig. 1, label 110; col. 5, line5) associated with the computing device, said subscription store being configured to store one or more notification offerings (fig. 1, label 110; col. 5, line 5, that contents is the notification offering) described by an application definition file, said application definition file being generated from the received a parameter-driven template, said application definition file including the predefined scheduled time for the notifications to occur (fig. label 100; col. 4, lines 62-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204,208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22); to enable a notifications application to execute on a recurring basis according to the predefined scheduled time for the notifications occur included in the application definition file (fig. label 100; col. 4, lines 62-67; col. 5, lines 1-9; fig. 2, labels 100, 200, 202, 204, 208,210, 212; col. 6, lines 4-22), said notifications application delivering the notification to the subscribers in response to an recurring basis in accordance with the predefined scheduled time included in the application definition file wherein the notifications application maps the latest recurring event to the specified category to one or more subscribers as a function of the parameters specified by the content provider (col. 4, lines 65-67; col. 5, lines 1-9 ; fig. 1, labels 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138; col. 5, lines 47-58; (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-2, that to establish a time when the notifications will be delivered, based on the template parameter; col. 9, lines 37-41, the ticket problem is the recurring event, which triggers the "be alert" message).

As claim 39, Bryan further teaches one of the parameters specified by the content provider relates to delivery of the notifications at a predetermined time of day (fig. 9, label 132; col. 10, lines 21-32, that the schedule template provides parameters specifying when (time) the notification will be delivered).

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**(Note:)** It is noted that any citation to specific, pages, columns, lines, or figures in the prior art references and any interpretation of the references should not be considered to be limiting in any way. A reference is relevant for all it contains and may be relied upon for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art. In re Heck, 699 F.2d 1331, 1332-33, 216 USPQ 1038, 1039 (Fed. Cir. 1983) (quoting In re Lemelson, 397 F.2d 1006, 1009, 158 USPQ 275, 277 (CCPA 1968)).

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 1/30/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

After careful review of the amended claims (given the broadest interpretation) and the remarks provided by the Applicant along with the cited reference(s) the Examiner does not agree with the Applicant for at least the reasons provided below:

A1. Applicant argues that Bryan does not disclose subscribers subscribing to categories of events and the notification template including a category such that when the event occurs subscribers of the categories are notified of the events associated with the category and the template does not specify a predefined time for notifications to occur.



R1. Examiner does not agree, Bryan teaches that users and user profiles belonging to other users of a user that could be creating a schedule has an association with a calendar system that user profiles can be assigned to days and times which would act as a category "Monday" that during a calendar event people belonging to the category can be notified at specified times which can be once or reoccurring.

A2. Applicant argues that Bryan does not disclose "a user interface template... allowing the user to select a category and a delivery component for routing the notification to the subscribers of the specified category related to the event".

R2. Examiner does not agree, as mentioned above in A1, Bryan teaches a scheduling system that allows a user to subscribe to categories "Monday" in a calendar system that would be notified during an event, all user profiles associated with the event can be notified during an event as well, a user interface as cited in the above claim analysis is also described by Bryan.

A3. Applicant argues Bryan specify a category but does not specify events of the category.

R3. Examiner does not agree, Bryan teaches specify events of the category (col.7, lines 61-67; col.8, lines 1-31; wherein the content provider (administrator) is adding/editing an event (ticket problem) for category (current KNOWLEDGE SWITCH i.e. American Airlines, Customs, etc (col.11, line 5). Thus each KNOWLEDGE SWITCH as independent events and alerts associated with.

A4. Applicant argues Bryan does not teach recurring events.

R4. Examiner does not agree. It is not arguable that an event will only happen one time, where Bryan as disclosed a system for detecting an event for each time happens thus recurring (col.9, lines 26-53)

A5. Applicant argues Bryan does not teach that the content provider specifies the events.

R5. Examiner does not agree an administrator is defining and adding events (col.8, lines 7-43)

A6. Applicant argues Bryan does not teach a scheduling component as an element of the template.

R6. Examiner does not agree Bryan discloses a scheduling component as an element of the template by having its on template "scheduling template" which is accessed from the main template, thus it is a component of the main template from where the user access this template (col.10, lines 14-34).

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

### ***Inquires***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Augustine whose telephone number is 571-270-1056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 7:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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